

Annual Immersion Courses in France for Primary School Teachers and Secondary School Teachers 2007

In 2006, 200 teachers from all over Europe attended one of our courses in France to develop their discursive skills, update their methodology and exchange ideas for good practice in the classroom. These courses which took place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere also aimed at boosting the teachers' confidence in teaching French as a foreign language.

All participants received support from COMENIUS 2.2 available through the British Council or their own Socrates National Agency. The grant fully covers the course fee, subsistence and accommodation, as well as travel expenses for up to 465 Euros (about £310).

New 2007 courses

Course No.	Course Title	No. of Participants	Dates	Venue
1	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 31 March – Friday 6 April 2007	Lyon
2	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 7 April – Friday 13 April 2007	Lyon
3	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 30 June – Friday 6 July 2007	Salignac
4	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 7 July – Friday 13 July 2007	Salignac
5	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 14 July – Friday 20 July 2007	Salignac
6	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 21 July – Friday 27 July 2007	Salignac
7	Secondary School Teachers	25 max.	Monday 23 July – Sunday 29 July 2007	Lyon
8	Secondary School Teachers	25 max.	Monday 30 July – Sunday 5 August 2007	Salignac
9	Secondary School Teachers	25 max.	Monday 6 August – Sunday 12 August 2007	Salignac
10	Secondary School Teachers	25 max.	Monday 13 August – Sunday 19 August 2007	Salignac
11	Primary School Teachers	25 max.	Saturday 20 October – Friday 26 October 2007	Lyon

About the courses

The venue in Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage City, is Jean Moulin University. Individual accommodation is provided in *la Résidence les Carrés Pégases* in the city centre. In Dordogne, the classes take place in the *Centre International de Séjour* of Salignac, near Sarlat-la-Canédat, with individual accommodation in the local Pavillons.

Different levels will be catered for as the class will often be broken into small groups. Please note that these courses are not suitable for beginners. The methodology sessions are delivered in both French and English, and focus on techniques which will enable teachers to involve all pupils in learning through the medium of French. Participants will be encouraged to speak French as much as possible in social situations and on the cultural excursions.

Aims for primary school teachers' course

- To improve methodological expertise in the teaching of French to young learners
- To provide participants with materials and ideas suitable for the teaching of French at primary level
- To develop cultural awareness and understanding of contemporary France
- To improve participants' competence and performance in French
- To use Internet and other ICT resources in your class

Aims for Secondary school teachers' course

- To develop cultural awareness and understanding of contemporary France
- To enhance methodological expertise in the teaching of French to teenagers
- To enhance participants' discursive skills, update their vocabulary and gain new ideas and materials for use in the classroom
- To use Internet and other ICT resources in the classroom

- To use novels and short stories in the classroom
- To debate current issues

Preparation

These courses are not suitable for beginners so a prior knowledge of French is essential. Teachers will be expected to share examples of good practice, including classroom activities/games, website addresses and/or useful resources. Those can be prepared in advanced and brought to the course.

Follow-up

Teachers will receive a certificate at the end of the week. An optional two-day post-immersion course will be organised in Edinburgh 6 months after the immersion in France. Teachers will also have the opportunity to join a Europe/UK-wide network of all participants.

Fee

The total cost of the course, including accommodation and subsistence is 1035 Euros, 520 Euros for the tuition fee and 515 Euros for the subsistence fee payable to **Le Français en Ecosse after receipt of the Comenius grant.**

The course fee covers

- Full board individual accommodation in en-suite rooms at the Résidence les Carrés Pégases in Lyon or Le Centre International de Séjour Pavillons in Salignac
- Course & tuition fees in France
- Cultural excursions in Lyon/Dordogne

You or your school will also need to pay for

- Your own social activities (non-programmed);
- Your own day-to-day expenses (non-programmed).

Participants will need to provide their own personal travel insurance. The first and last days of the course will be travelling days.

Should you want to take part in one of our courses please contact in the first instance:

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Then download a Comenius 2 application form on <http://www.socrates-uk.net>
or contact your own Socrates National Agency

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2007.

DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES PER COURSE AND DEADLINES WITH YOUR NATIONAL AGENCY, PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.